

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE  
ASSOCIATION )

Petition for initiation of an investigation of  
the necessity of and the establishment of a  
Universal Service Support Fund in accordance  
with §13-301(d) of the Public Utilities Act )

Illinois Commerce Commission On Its Own )

Investigation into the necessity of and, if  
appropriate, the establishment of a Universal  
Support Fund pursuant to Section 13-301(d)  
of the Public Utilities Act. )

Docket No. 00-0233

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

Witness

OF

Date *6/20/01* Reporter *oad*

KATHERINE L. BARNEY

ON BEHALF OF

LEAF RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY

June 12, 2001

1   **Q.    Please state your name.**

2   A.    My name is Katherine L. Barney.

3   **Q.    By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

4   A.    I employed as the President of Leaf River Telephone Company in Leaf River, Illinois.  
5        Leaf River Telephone Company is located in Northern Illinois, predominantly in Ogle  
6        County, and consists of approximately 100 square miles in one exchange.

7   **Q.    How long have you worked for Leaf River Telephone Company?**

8   A.    Since 1959. My father owned the telephone company and I began working for the  
9        company then. At that time the company had turn of the century crank phones and all  
10       multi party lines.

11  **Q.    When did you become president?**

12  A.    In 1980.

13  **Q.    What is the population of the Village of Leaf River?**

14  A.    Approximately 546 people.

15  **Q.    How many residential lines does the company have?**

16  A.    There are 183 urban residential lines located in Leaf River and 329 rural residential  
17       lines. Leaf River is the only town in our exchange.

1    **Q.    What are the geographical characteristics of the Leaf River Exchange?**

2    A.    Our exchange sits in hilly country atop hard limestone that is only a few inches from  
3       the top of the soil. 25 miles away is the city of Rockford, and the Rock River runs  
4       through Ogle County. It is not a coincidence that Rockford and the Rock River bear  
5       those names. When we plow for burying cable, we have to break away chunks of the  
6       limestone, and at times pieces of granite to bury our facilities. This takes more time  
7       and more expensive equipment.

8    **Q.    Does the village of Leaf River have a bank?**

9    A.    No.

10   **Q.    Does the village of Leaf River have a restaurant?**

11   A.    No.

12   **Q.    Does the village of Leaf River have a tavern?**

13   A.    No.

14   **Q.    Does the village of Leaf River have a police department?**

15   A.    No. We rely entirely on the sheriff for law enforcement.

16   **Q.    Does the village of Leaf River have a grocery store?**

17   A.    No.

1    **Q.    Where is the closest grocery store located?**

2    A.    In either Byron or Mount Morris. Those towns are equally 8 miles away. A call to either  
3           town is a long distance call.

4    **Q.    Does the village Leaf River have a doctor?**

5    A.    No.

6    **Q.    Does the village of Leaf River have a dentist?**

7    A.    No.

8    **Q.    Where is the closest doctor and dentist?**

9    A.    Again, the closest doctor and the closest dentist are located in either Byron or Mount  
10          Morris, which are long distance calls.

11   **Q.    Does the village of Leaf River it have a school?**

12   A.    Yes, Leaf River has a school, Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, but Sixth Grade  
13          through high school is at Forreston, which is 9 miles away.

14   **Q.    Is it a long distance call from Leaf River to Forreston?**

15   A.    Yes

16   **Q.    Does the village of Leaf River have a fire department?**

17   A.    We have a volunteer fire department, not one that is full time.

1    **Q.    Does the school or fire department have any multiple access liens?**

2    A.    Yes. The school has six (6) business lines and the fire department has seven (7)  
3        business lines that we serve.

4    **Q.    Does the village of Leaf River have a gas station?**

5    A.    Yes, we have one gas station.

6    **Q.    Where is the closest major shopping center?**

7    A.    The closest major shopping center is in either Rockford or Freeport. Each one is  
8        approximately 25 miles from Leaf River and it is a long distance call to both  
9        locations.

10   **Q.    Does the village of Leaf River have a post office?**

11   A.    Yes. We are fortunate to have a post office. I try to use it as often as I can so that it  
12        will not be closed like many other small towns have experienced.

13   **Q.    Does the post office have a business line service from Leaf River Telephone  
14        Company?**

15   A.    Yes it does. It has one (1) access line.

16   **Q.    Should universal service funding be allowed for business customers and  
17        residential customers with multi lines?**

18   A.    Yes. I see no reason why support should be withheld for business lines, particularly  
19        rural fire departments and schools, or multi-line residential lines. I urge the  
20        Commission to provide universal service support for all access lines.

1    **Q.    Is there a municipal tax in the Village of Leaf River?**

2    A.    Yes, it is 5.15%.

3    **Q.    What is Leaf River Telephone Company's present local rate?**

4    A.    We have a residential flat rate basic service of \$29.71. This includes \$3.50 for federal  
5        SLC. With taxes included it is \$34.21 residential in the city.

6    **Q.    Have you had any complaints or inquiries from customers about your present  
7        rates?**

8    A.    Since January 1<sup>st</sup> this year, over 10 customers came in to talk about their bills and ask  
9        what line items on their bill they could eliminate. They wanted to eliminate 911,  
10       ITAC and various access charges if they could. They complained that these rates are  
11       already hard for them to pay.

12   **Q.    How many customers, not access lines, does Leaf River Telephone Company  
13        have at the present time?**

14   A.    We currently have 553 customers and we had 553 customers as of December 2000.

15   **Q.    Has Leaf River Telephone Company conducted a survey to determine how many  
16        houses in its exchange, both in Leaf River and in the rural area, have no  
17        telephone service from the company?**

18   A.    Yes we have conducted a survey. We have checked our local exchange maps, the  
19        county maps, and driven in Leaf River and in the rural part of the exchange to  
20        determine how many houses have no telephone service.

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1    **Q.    How many occupied homes do not have phone service at this time?**

2    A.    According to our survey, there are 31 houses in town and 45 houses in the rural area  
3           for a total of 76 homes that do not have phone service from Leaf River Telephone  
4           Company in the exchange. I personally have driven over the exchange to verify this.

5    **Q.    If you have 553 customers and there are 76 more homes that do not have phone**  
6           **service, that would reflect a total of 629 homes in the exchange. Is it correct then**  
7           **that Leaf River Telephone Company serves approximately 88% of the homes in**  
8           **the exchange?**

9    A.    Yes.

10   **Q.    How many disconnect notices does Leaf River Telephone Company send out**  
11       **each month?**

12   A.    In December 2000 we sent out 109 notices, January 1, 110 notices, February, 92  
13       notices, March, 69 notices, April, 72 notices, and May, 86 notices. We have ranged  
14       between 70 and 100 notices per month for several years.

15   **Q.    What do you conclude from that?**

16   A.    Many of our customers (15-20%) are unable to pay their phone bills at the current rate  
17       when due. If we had to raise our rates much higher, we would lose a lot of customers.

18   **Q.    Is the Leaf River Exchange served by any cellular companies?**

19   A.    Yes, there are several cellular companies that provide service. Midwest Digital PCS  
20       and Verizon Wireless provide cellular service in Leaf River.

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1   **Q.    Please identify Leaf River Telephone Company Exhibit 2, Schedule 1.**

2   A.    These are brochures of the coverage area and rates as advertised by Midwest Digital  
3           and Verizon Wireless.

4   **Q.    Do you understand the Staff proposal for universal service funding for Leaf**  
5           **River Telephone Company?**

6   A.    As I understand it, the Staff recommends that \$263,000 in universal service support  
7           be phased out to nothing over the next 5 years and AT&T recommends no funding at  
8           all for Leaf River Telephone Company.

9   **Q.    What impact would no funding or the phase out funding have on Leaf River**  
10          **Telephone Company?**

11  A.    It would be disastrous. We provide good quality service to our customers but if we  
12          lose universal service funding we will have to raise local rates to meet our needed  
13          revenues and our local rates already exceed the Staff's recommended affordable rate.  
14          Our customers are already having trouble paying at the current level.

15  **Q.    If Leaf River Telephone Company raised its local rate annually over 5 years in**  
16          **the same amount of U.S. support that the Staff proposes to phase out each year,**  
17          **the local residential rate would climb to \$65.51 per month. If that occurred,**  
18          **what would happen to Leaf River Telephone Company?**

19  A.    At some point customers will switch to one of the cellular packages as a cheaper  
20          alternative. Such a drastic rate increase would ruin the company. There is no way  
21          customers can pay to cover for the amount of funding needed by the company. I urge  
22          the Commission to provide funding for Leaf River Telephone Company.

1   **Q.**    **Does this conclude your testimony?**

2   **A.**    Yes.


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- Provide accessibility to your employees.
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Exhibit 2, Sch. 1

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- U.S. Cellular Message Center Alert<sup>®</sup>

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<a href="#">SELECT</a>	<a href="#">Mid America 15</a>	<a href="#">MAP</a>	15	\$14.95	\$0.49	
<a href="#">SELECT</a>	<a href="#">Mid America 30</a>	<a href="#">MAP</a>	30	\$19.95	\$0.34	
<a href="#">SELECT</a>	<a href="#">Mid America 60</a>	<a href="#">MAP</a>	60	\$24.95	\$0.29	
<a href="#">SELECT</a>	<a href="#">Mid America 150</a>	<a href="#">MAP</a>	150	\$34.95	\$0.26	
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**Mid America 30****\$19.95**

per month

**30 included minutes**

An entry-level plan designed to provide safety and security.

**Other Plan Details**

- \$20.00 Activation fee
- \$200.00 Cancellation fee
- \$0.34 each additional minute
- \$0.34 each additional off peak minute

**Included Features**

- Detailed Billing
- Call Waiting
- Message Center Alert
- Conference calling
- Message Center(Voice Mail)
- Call Forwarding
- Regional Toll-Free Calling.

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## SERVICE PRICE PLANS

AIRTIME PACKAGES	MONTHLY RATE	MINIMUM NUMBER OF LINES	PER MINUTE RATE	Regional Toll-Free Calling	USCC Message Center Alert*	Detailed Billing	Call Waiting	Call Forwarding	3-Way Conferencing
CORPORATE 3	\$9.75	25	.14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CORPORATE 2	\$10.50	15	.16	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CORPORATE 1	\$12.50	5	.18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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## SERVICE ACTIVATION/ GUIDELINES

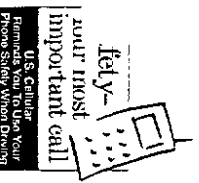
- All lines must be directly billed to the business on one account.
- When outside of your home area, roaming and long distance charges may apply. Charges from some areas may appear on subsequent bills.
- Airtime rates apply while using features.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- Toll free calling from your Home Rate Area to anywhere in the 14 state region (see map).
  - Incoming calls will only be subject to call delivery charges while travelling outside the 14 state area.
- Cellular Safety Center  
U.S. Cellular Roadside Assistance  
Signal Dial Direct™ Plus Commonsense Cellular Insurance\*  
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\$2.99/mo.  
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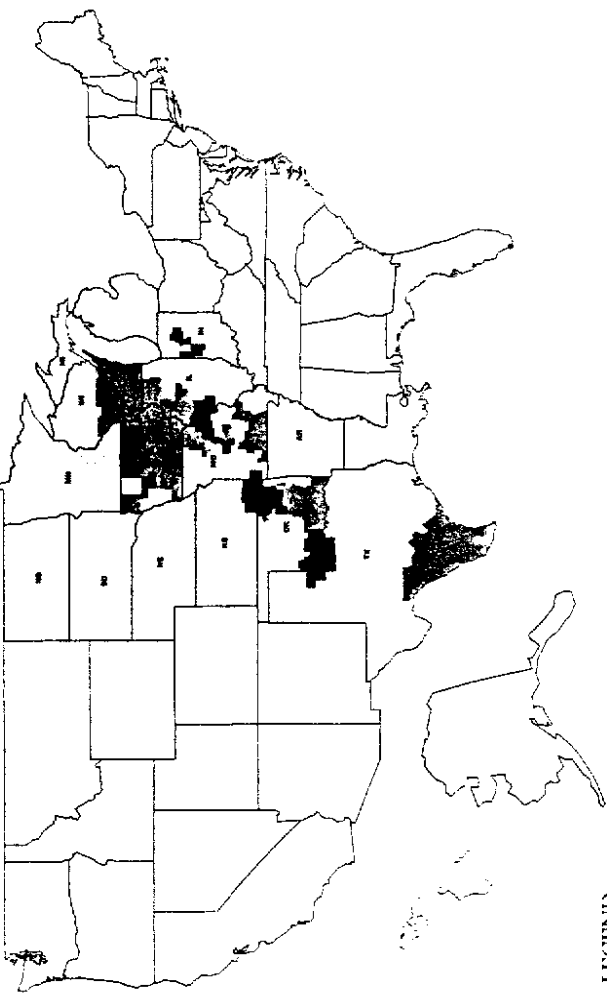
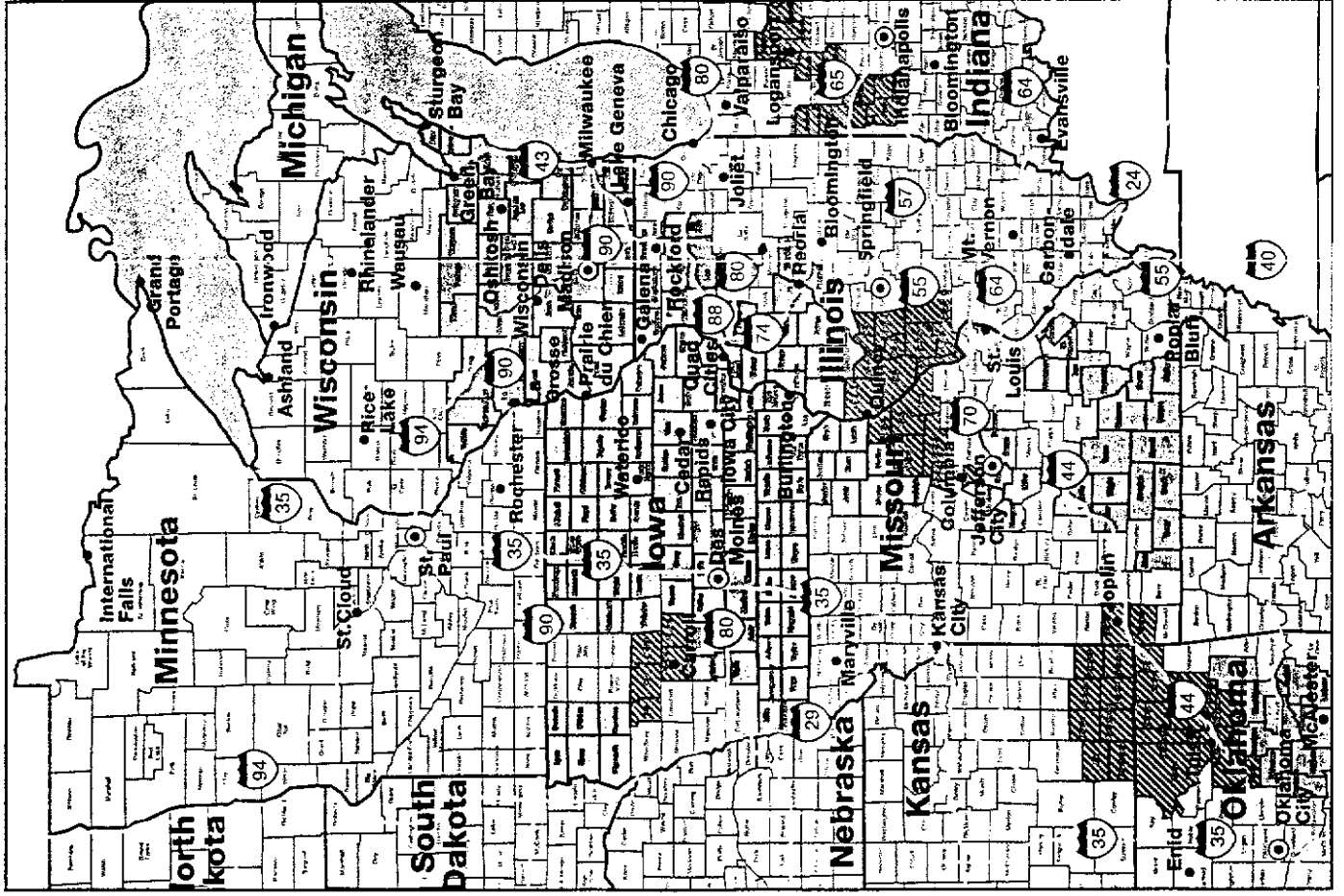
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# MidAmerica Corporate Area Plans



## LEGEND

Home Rate Area (A Side) Home Rate Area (B Side)

\$.39/min Preferred Rate Roaming

\$.99/min. Nationwide Roaming

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# Midwest Digital PCS Corporate

## SERVICE PRICE PLANS

AIRTIME PACKAGES	MONTHLY RATE	MINIMUM NUMBER OF LINES	PER MINUTE RATE	Nationwide Toll Free Calling	Caller ID	1st Incoming Minute Free	USCC Message Center Alert*	Detailed Billing	Call Waiting	Call Forwarding	3-Way Conferencing
<b>COMPETITIVE EDGE</b>											
DIGITAL CORPORATE 3	\$11.75	25	.10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DIGITAL CORPORATE 2	~\$13.50	15	.11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DIGITAL CORPORATE 1	\$15.50	5	~.13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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## SERVICE ACTIVATION/ GUIDELINES

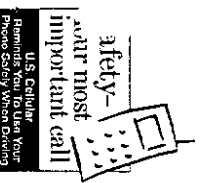
- \$40.00 per line
- All lines must be directly billed to the business on one account.
- Digital rates and service can only be provided to customers who have digital phones that are compatible with U.S. Cellular's digital service.
- When outside of your home rate area, roaming charges will apply (see map). Charges from some areas may appear on subsequent bills.
- There will be no airtime charge for land-line USCC Message Center Alert® retrieval.
- Airtime rates apply while using features.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- The first incoming minute is free within the home rate area.
- There will be no long distance or toll charges anywhere in the United States.
- Nationwide call delivery is included.

Messaging Suite <sup>SM</sup>	
Internet/Group/E-Mail Messaging	\$4.95/mo.
Information Services (2 services)	\$3.95/mo.
Live Operator Messaging	\$5.95/mo.
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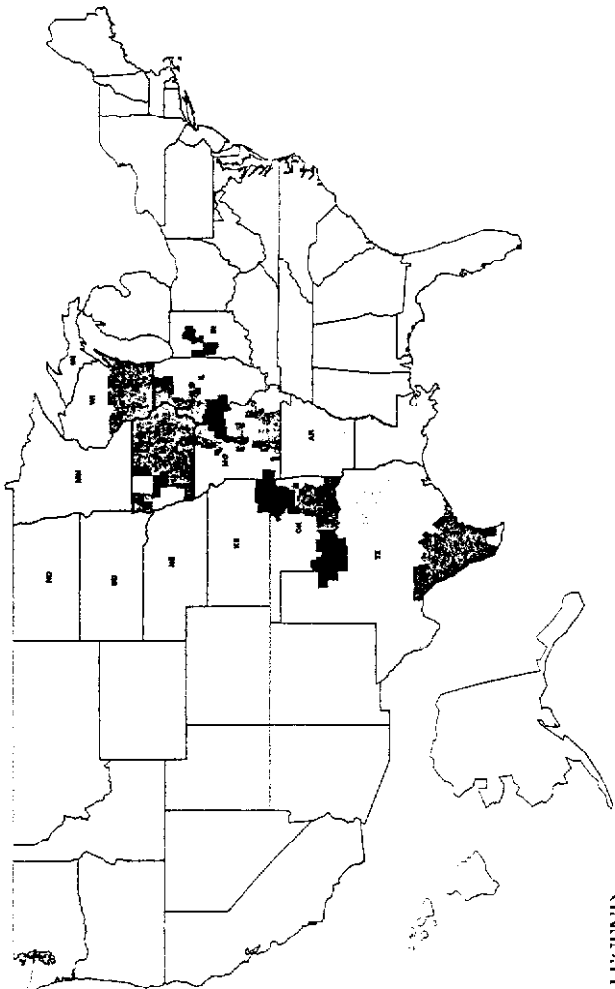
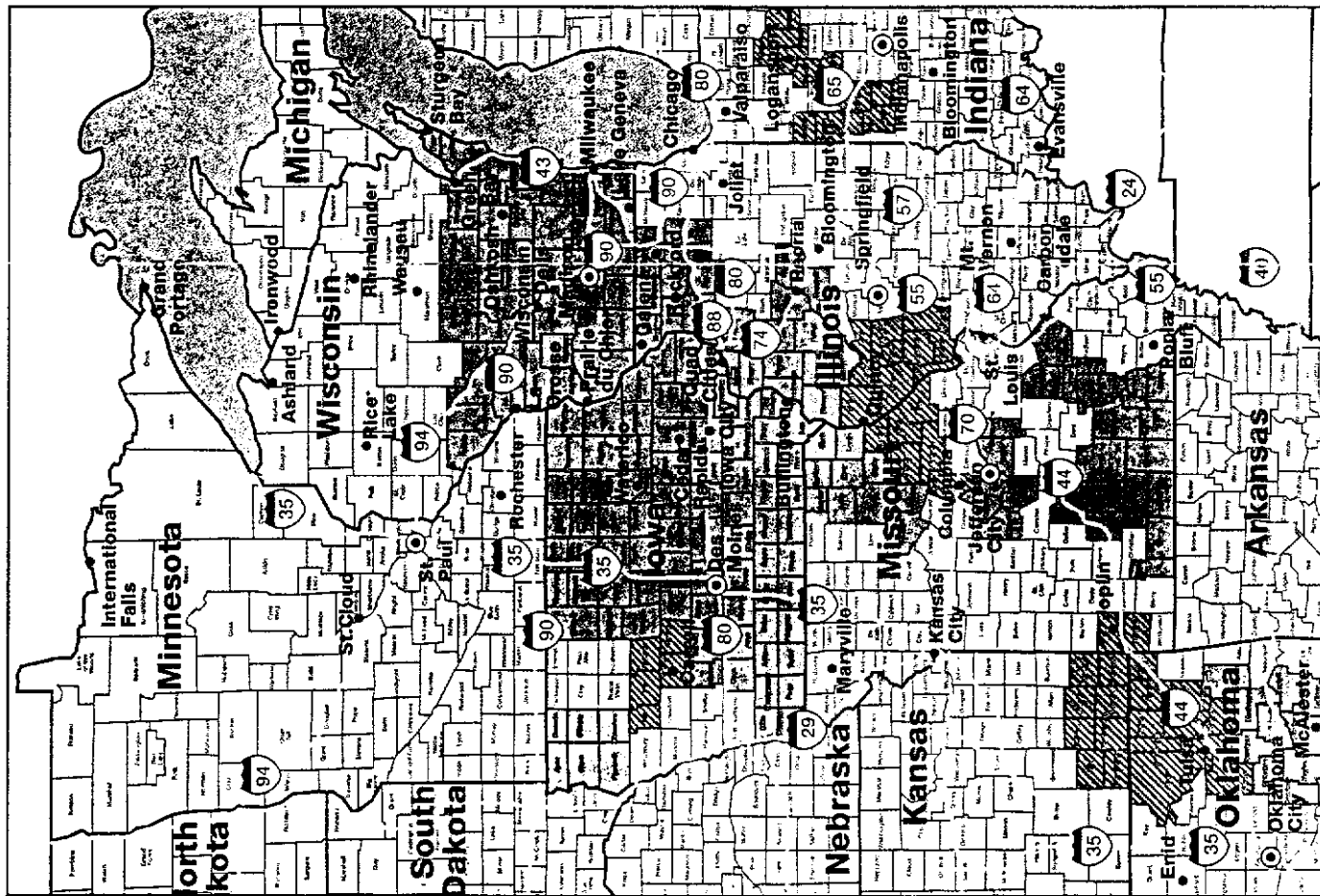
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# Midwest Digital PCS Corporate Area Plans



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Home Rate Area (A Side)

Home Rate Area (B Side)

\$ .25/min Preferred Rate Roaming

\$ .49/min. Nationwide Roaming

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## Service Plans

	Monthly Rate	Minutes Included	Additional Per Minute Rate
<b>COMPETITIVE EDGE</b>			
Digital Pak 1200	\$100	1,200	.10
Digital Pak 850	\$75	850	.17
Digital Pak 500	\$50	500	.21
Digital Pak 300	\$35	300	.23
Digital Pak 100	\$25	100	.25

Nationwide Long Distance	Caller ID	1st Incoming Minute Free	USCC Message Center Alert	Detailed Billing	Call Waiting	Call Forwarding	3-way Conferencing
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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✓ = included on Service Price Plans at no additional charge.

## Service Activation (one time charge)

\$25.00 per line

- The first incoming minute free within the home rate area.
- Digital rates and service can only be provided to customers who have digital phones that are compatible with U.S. Cellular's digital service.
- There will be no airtime charge for land-line USCC Message Center Alert® retrieval.
- Airtime rates apply while using features.
- When outside of your home rate area, roaming charges will apply (see map). Charges from some areas may appear on subsequent bills.

## ShareTalk<sup>SM</sup> Plus

\$15.00/mo. per line

Add up to 3 additional lines on any Digital Pak, share your package minutes, plus receive 100 bonus nights and weekend minutes per additional line every month.

## Add-A-State

\$5.00/state/month/line

Expand your home rate area to include any state in the 14-state preferred area.

Not available with optional Nights and Weekend packages. Approved dual band IRDB capable digital phone required.

## Optional Features

150 minute Nights and Weekends Package	\$3.00/mo.
500 minute Nights and Weekends Package	\$5.00/mo.
Nights and Weekend minutes can be used Monday - Friday from 7:01 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday. Limit one per Digital Pak plan. Not available with Add-A-State.	
2-Way Mobile Messaging and 1-Way Mobile Messaging (Internet/Email Messaging)	\$4.95/mo.
2-Way Mobile Messaging only	\$2.95/mo.
Cellular Safety Center	
U.S. Cellular Roadside Assistance	\$2.99/mo.
Signal Dial Direct <sup>®</sup> Plus CommonSense Cellular Insurance**	\$2.95/mo.

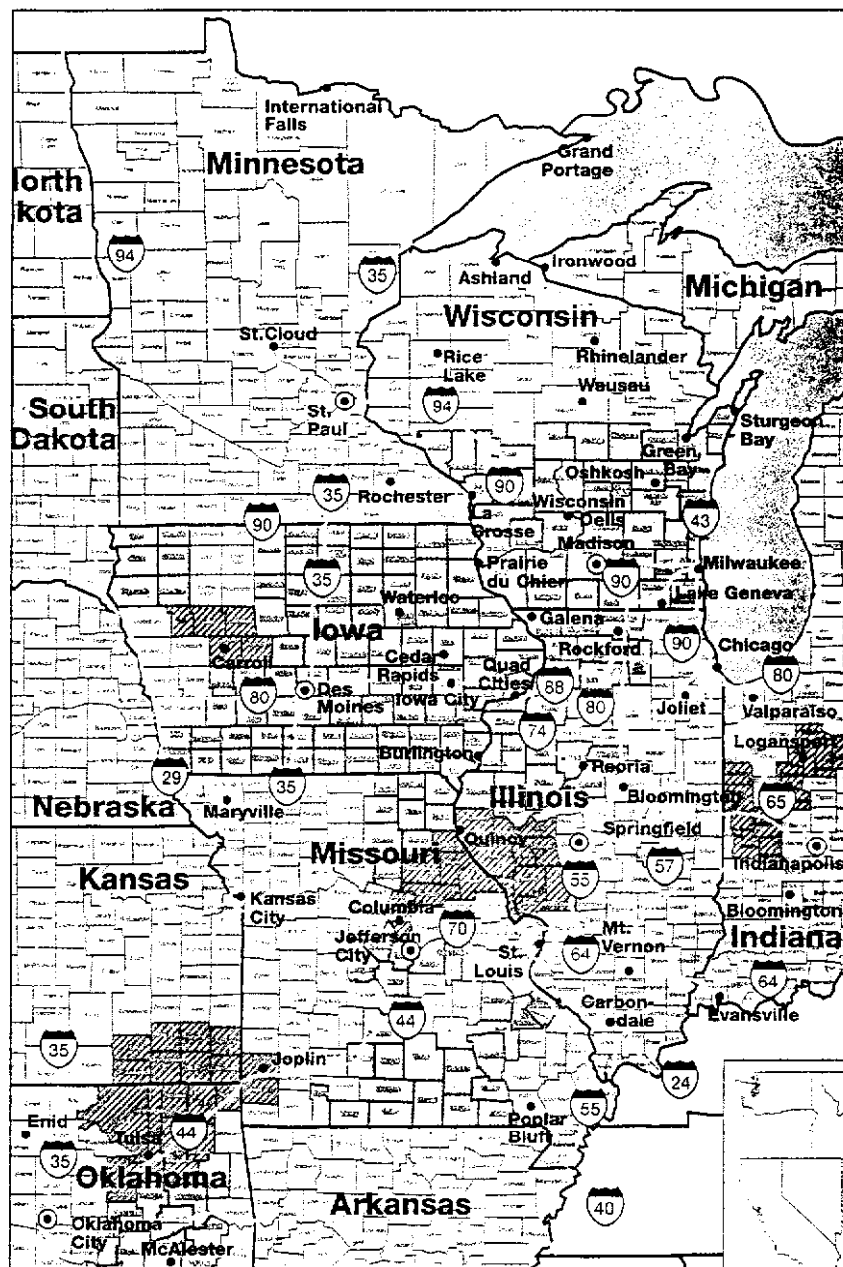
\*\*Underwritten By: A CIGNA Property & Casualty Company, Philadelphia, PA.

Certain restrictions apply. Rates subject to change without notice. Subject to credit approval; additional deposit may be required. Rates do not include applicable taxes, network surcharge, roamer administration fees, state/federal universal service charges or the Transitional Telecom fee. Airtime is billed in one minute increments. Minimum 18 month service agreement required.



# Midwest Digital PCS

Leaf River Telephone Company  
Exhibit 2, Sch. 1



## Legend

Home Rate Area (A Side)

Home Rate Area (B Side)

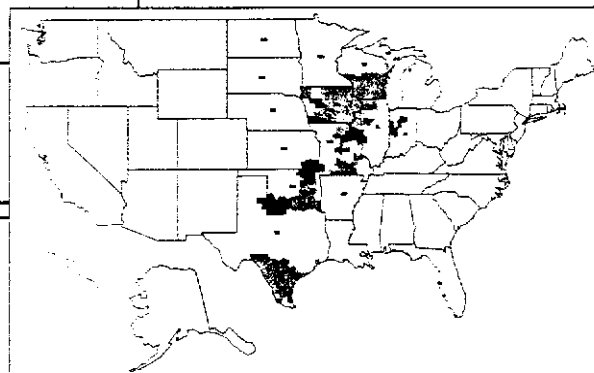
\$ .25/min Preferred Rate Roaming

\$ .49/min. Nationwide Roaming

Nationwide Long Distance is included on all plans.

## Customer Service

(888) 944-9400 or 611  
from your cellular phone (free call)



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** There may be areas on the map where there is no coverage or small gaps in coverage caused by lack of cell site availability or other conditions explained below. These areas are too small to illustrate. Service may be interrupted/limited due to atmospheric or topographical conditions, governmental regulations, system capacity limitations or equipment modifications/repairs necessary for the proper operation of service. In addition, coverage may vary depending upon the power capability and battery of your phone. Service will be available only to phones compatible with the digital technology employed in U.S. Cellular's coverage area. Digital features are not accessible in all coverage areas. These restrictions apply to all types of calls, including 911 and other emergency calls, and are applicable to any user of U.S. Cellular's service. Some calls made along the border may be inadvertently picked up by another carrier due to strongest signal capture.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Prospective customers must have a billing address within U.S. Cellular's licensed markets to be eligible for service. Service agreement required. Subject to credit approval; additional deposit may be required. Rates do not include applicable taxes or state/federal universal service charges. Due to delayed reporting by other carriers, some of your wireless usage including that classified as home or extended home minutes, may be billed in subsequent month(s) after your actual usage. The minutes used, and associated charges, will be applied against your monthly plan minutes in the month that the usage appears on the bill rather than the month the calls were actually placed. Each partial minute of airtime is rounded up and billed as a full minute, including promotional and non-promotional minutes. Airtime charges apply from the time you press SEND to the time you press END on completed calls. You may be charged for calls which are not completed but ring longer than 59 seconds. Long distance and roaming usage count towards airtime minutes. U.S. Cellular reserves the right to terminate your service if less than 50% of your overall minutes in each of three consecutive billing cycles are used in U.S. Cellular's licensed markets. Please refer to the "Home Rate Area" on the map. Local maps are available upon request for a detailed outline of our licensed areas.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION		
Petition for initiation of an investigation of		
the necessity of and the establishment of a		
Universal Service Support Fund in accordance		00-0233
with §13-301(d) of the Public Utilities Act		
		(Consolidated)
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION		
Investigation into the necessity of and, if		00-0335
appropriate, the establishment of a Universal		
Support Fund pursuant to Section 13-301(d)		
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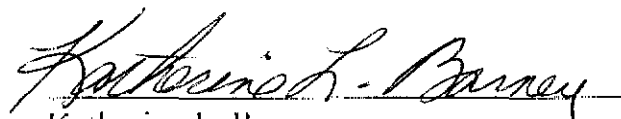
I, Katherine L. Barney, upon oath, depose and state that if called to testify as a witness I can competently testify to the following facts of which I have personal knowledge.

1. In the above proceeding Leaf River Exhibit 2 contains my testimony and if I appeared at the hearing in the above-entitled matter to testify under oath, my answers would be the same.

2. Attached to Leaf River Exhibit 2 is Schedule 1, brochures of cellular providers in my area. I would sponsor Schedule 1 as part of my testimony.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

  
Katherine L. Barney  
1-13-01